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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR WARNS PPP TO BE PREPARED FOR FIGHT OPPOSITION

1. IN FIRST MAJOR SPEECH SINCE HIS RETURN FROM U.S., PUNJAB GOVERNOR MUSTAFA KHAR WARNED LYALLPUR PPP WORKERS TO BE PREPARED FOR LAST DECISIVE ROUND OF FIGHT WITH OPPOSITION, WHICH HE SAID MAY NOW CHOOSE CONFRONTATION IN EFFORT TO OVERTHROW PRESENT GOVERNMENT. PPP, KHAR CONTINUED, WOULD GIVE COUNTRY ITS CONSTITUTION ON SCHEDULE AND WOULD KEEP ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE PEOPLE.

2. GOVERNOR CALLED UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT (UDF) COTERIE OF SEFL-SEEKERS AND RIDICULED UDF LEADER PIR PAGARO AS ILLITERATE AND IGNORANT. REFERRING TO MUFTI MAHMUD'S REPORTED STATEMENT THAT UDF WOULD RESORT TO OTHER MEANS IF IT FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CONSTITUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, KHAR SAID NEGOTIATIONS NOT POSSIBLE IF UDF CONTINUED ITS THREATS. GOVERNOR'S ATTEMPT TO PRESENT PRIZES AT LYALLPUR CATTLE SHOW INTERRUPTED BY DISSIDENT PPP GROUP SHOUTING FOR RELEASE OF MUKHTAR RANA, FORMER PPP REBEL WHO IN JAIL  
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FOR FIVE YEARS ON MURDER CHARGE. KHAR LEFT IN HUFF WITHOUT FINISHING CEREMONIES.

3. KHAR'S SPEECH CAME ONE DAY AFTER GOP HEALTH MINISTER

SHEIKH RASHID TOLD LAHORE NEWSMEN CONSTITUTION WOULD BE APPROVED BEFORE APRIL 21 "COME WHAT MAY". AFTER CHIDING UDF FOR ITS TACTICS OF OBSTRUCTION, RASHID SAID PPP HAD OPEN MIND ON CONSTRUCTIVE OPPOSITION SUGGESTIONS MADE IN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, BUT IN VIEW OPPOSITION'S ATTITUDE, A SECOND ROUND TABLE MEETING WITH OPPOSITION WOULD NOT PROVE FRUITFUL.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RASHID'S SPEECH AND KHAR'S DIFFERED IN TONE, MESSAGE OF BOTH WAS SAME: PPP INTENDS TO COMPLETE CONSTITUTION ON SCHEDULE WHETHER UDF LIKES IT OR NOT.

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